

Rebuild Colorado: Helpful Hints on Becoming a LEED™ Accredited Professional

LEED Accredited Professionals™ are experienced building industry practitioners who have demonstrated their knowledge of integrated design and their capacity to facilitate the LEED certification process on the LEED Professional Accreditation exam. Following is a quick overview of how to become a LEED Accredited Professional. For official details about the LEED accreditation process, visit the US Green Building Council website at http://www.usgbc.org/LEED/Accredited_Professional/professionalaccred.asp

Why should I take the exam?

- Earn one point toward LEED Certification of your green building projects;
- Earn recognition as a LEED Accredited Professional in the [USGBC online LEED Accredited Professional Directory](#) ; and earn a LEED Accredited Professional Certificate.

How can I prepare for the exam?

There are no prerequisites for registering for the LEED Accredited Professional Examination. However, it is recommended that you:

- Have tenure in the building design and construction industry and/or as a building business professional, facilities staff, or executive;
- Attend a LEED Training Workshop. Check with the [USGBC Colorado Chapter](#) or the [USGBC national training calendar](#) to find out about upcoming workshops.
- Download and review the *free* 4-page USGBC [LEED Accreditation Exam Study Guide](#) for sample questions and other details about the exam's structure and logistics.
- Study the [LEED Reference Guide](#). The cost of the LEED-NC Version 2.1 Reference Guide is \$250 for USGBC members, \$400 for non-members. (The registration fee for some workshops include the guide or a discount on the price of the guide.)
- Study the USGBC Colorado Chapter Study Guide, available for \$15 from brennan@meritelec.com.

How much does it cost to take the exam:

In addition to your training costs (if you attend a workshop or purchase the LEED Reference Guide), the cost of taking the exam is \$250 for USGBC members, or \$350 for non-members.

When and where can I take the exam?

You may take the exam at any Prometric (also called "Sylvan") learning site by calling 1-888-215-4154 to schedule a testing session and learn about details (such as what types of identification are accepted). The closed-book, computer-based exam is two hours in length and can be scheduled at a time and site convenient for you. The exam is offered in Longmont, Colorado Springs and Greenwood Village.

What areas of expertise and knowledge does the exam include?

- in-depth familiarity with the LEED Rating System;
- understanding of LEED project registration/technical support/certification processes,
- knowledge of LEED documentation requirements;
- demonstrated knowledge of design and construction industry standards and process;
- general understanding of the various standards referenced in the Rating System;
- understanding of green and sustainable design strategies and practices, and corresponding credits in the LEED Rating System; and
- familiarity with key green and sustainable design resources and tools.